Ground rent	1,147—10—0
Lease and license	930— 0—4
Total	2,082—13—1

(*d*) Portions of the area have been inspected in connection with the construction of rat-proof godowns.

(*e*) & (*f*) The cost would be considerably high and is not possible of being ascertained without a detailed investigation by a special staff.

(*g*) Yes.

WATER TAX—ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI MUNICIPALITIES

482. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount of water tax collected in Ernakulam Municipality ; and

(*b*) what is the amount of water tax collected in Mattancheri ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 11,647—0—11 (including current and arrears).

(*b*) Rs. 45,038—10—11.

The above figures relate to 1114.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* You collect from Mattancheri Rs. 45,038 as water tax, while from Ernakulam, you collect only Rs. 11,647. You get four times the amount of money from Mattancheri, and you give only one-fourth of the water that you give to Ernakulam. That is what I say.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Are these amounts not collected by the Municipality?

Mr. President: Mattancheri pays only for the actual quantity of water they consume.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My point is the people of Mattancheri pay Rs. 45,000 while the people in Ernakulam pay only Rs. 11,600. We pay four times the water tax paid by Ernakulam and we get only one-fourth the quantity of water that is given to Ernakulam.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think there is some mistake with regard to this. When this original answer was supplied, the consumption was about two lakhs, but now

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in order to give more adequate supply, we have started the pumping system and after the date on which that system was established, we are supplying Mattancheri with about three lakhs of gallons of water. You must also understand that in Ernakulam, water-supply was installed some 25 years ago and there are many more house-connections in Ernakulam—about 1800—while, in Mattancheri, there are only about 300 connections. That also is a reason why Mattancheri does not consume as much water as Ernakulam.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know Sir, what is the amount that is given by the Mattancheri Municipality to the Government for the supply?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* They give at the rate of 4 annas per thousand gallons.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Am I to take it that the difference between the amount collected and the amount paid to the Government is made use of by the Mattancheri Municipality for its own purposes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to ask the Municipality to raise a loan on the security of the water tax and pay the interest and provide a Sinking Fund so that we may have a copious supply of water?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* How can you make water?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* That I can teach you, not here, but outside the Council. Will the Government be pleased to ask the Municipality to raise a loan and make Sinking Fund for the money that is required to lay another pipe-line?

Mr. President: That is a matter to be considered by the Municipality.

THE MODERN COCHIN ENGLISH READERS—PRICE, ETC.

483. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the name of the press and the publisher of "The Modern Cochin English Readers" Reader III used in Form III in the Schools of the State;

(*b*) the price fixed by the Text Book Committee for the same;

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